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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed on July 24, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. A response is due on or before January 24, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to file this response on or before January 24, 2008 and provide payment of the required fee for a three-month extension of time in the accompanying transmittal.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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